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IN THE CLAIMS

The status of the claims as presently amended is as follows (with the changes identified):

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1. (*Currently amended*) An image processing apparatus; comprising:
display means for displaying ~~an synthesized image synthesized from a plurality of~~
images;
display control means for controlling said display means to display at least one joint
portion of the images on said display means in a specifiable manner;
designation means designating the at least one joint portion of said synthesized image
displayed on said display means; and
correction means for correcting ~~said~~the designated joint portion of the synthesized image
designated by said designation means.
 2. (*Currently amended*) An image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~said~~
~~portion of the synthesized image designated by said designation means is a joint portion of~~
~~images;~~ said correction means corrects said synthesized image by carrying out resynthesis of
images at the designated joint portion.
 3. (*Currently Amended*) An image processing apparatus according to claim 21, further
comprising input means for inputting relative positions of ~~said~~ images to be joined together at
said designated joint portion, said correction means correcting said synthesized image by
carrying out resynthesis of the images to be joined together based on the input relative positions.
 4. (*Original*) An image processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said input means has
an image moving function of individually moving said images to be joined together at said
designated joint portion on said display means, said input means inputting said relative positions
of said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion by moving and
superimposing said images using said image moving function.

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5. (Original) An image processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said input means has a corresponding position inputting function of inputting respective corresponding positions for said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion, said input means inputting said relative positions of said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion by inputting said corresponding positions for said images using said corresponding position inputting function.

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6. (Original) An image processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said input means has a first relative position inputting function of inputting said relative positions of said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion by individually moving and superimposing said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion on said display means, and a second relative position inputting function of designating relative positions of said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion by designating respective superimposing positions for said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion, said input means including means for selecting between said first relative position inputting function and said second relative position inputting function as desired.

7. (Canceled)

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8. (Currently amended) An image processing apparatus according to claim 71, wherein said display control means controls said display means such that a frame at least one of frames enclosing said a corresponding joint portion of said synthesized images is displayed on said display means in superposition upon said synthesized image.

9. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising operation aid means for displaying at least one of a written instruction and an animation explaining an operating method concerning correction of said synthesized image on said display means, when said designated joint portion of said synthesized image is corrected by said

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correction means.

10. (*Currently amended*) An image processing method comprising the steps of:
displaying ~~an synthesized image synthesized from a plurality of images~~ on display means;
controlling said display means to display at least one joint portion of the images on said display means in a specifiable manner;
designating ~~the~~ at least one joint portion of said synthesized image displayed on said display means;
correcting the designated joint portion of the synthesized image.

11. (*Currently amended*) An image processing method according to claim 10, wherein said portion of the synthesized image designated by said designating step is a joint portion of images; said correction step comprises correcting said synthesized image by carrying out resynthesis of images at the designated joint portion.

12. (*Currently Amended*) An image processing method according to claim ~~11~~ 10, further comprising an input step of inputting relative positions of ~~said images~~ to be joined together at said designated joint portion, said correction step correcting said synthesized image by carrying out resynthesis of the images to be joined together based on the input relative positions.

13. (*Original*) An image processing method according to claim 12, wherein said input step comprises inputting said relative positions of said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion by individually moving said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion on said display means and superimposing said images.

14. (*Original*) An image processing method according to claim 12, wherein said input step comprises inputting said relative positions of said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion by inputting respective corresponding positions for said images.

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15. *(Original)* An image processing method according to claim 12, wherein said input step includes a selection step of selecting a first relative position inputting function of inputting said relative positions of said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion by individually moving and superimposing said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion on said display means, or a second relative position inputting function of designating relative positions of said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion by designating respective superimposing positions for said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion, said input step inputting said relative positions of said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion using the selected relative position inputting function,

16. *(Canceled)*

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17. *(Currently amended)* An image processing method according to claim ~~10~~ 610, wherein said display control step comprises controlling said display means such that ~~a frame~~ at least one of frames enclosing ~~said~~ a corresponding joint portion of said synthesized images is displayed on said display means in superposition upon said synthesized image.

18. *(Currently Amended)* An image processing method according to claim 10, further comprising an operation aid step of displaying at least one of a written instruction and an animation explaining an operating method concerning correction of said synthesized image on said display means, when said designated joint portion of said synthesized image is corrected by said correction step.

19. *(Currently amended)* A machine readable storage medium storing a program for constructing an image processing system, said program comprising:

a synthesized image control module for displaying ~~an synthesized image~~ synthesized from a plurality of images on display means and for controlling said display means such that at least

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one joint portion of said images is displayed on said display means in a specifiable manner;

a designation module for designating at least one joint portion of said synthesized image displayed on said display means; and

a correction module for correcting the designated joint portion of the synthesized image.

20. (*Currently amended*) A machine readable storage medium according to claim 19, wherein ~~said portion of the synthesized image designated by said designation module is a joint portion of images;~~ said correction module corrects said synthesized image by carrying out resynthesis of images at the designated joint portion.

21. (*Currently Amended*) A machine readable storage medium according to claim 20~~19~~, wherein ~~said program comprises~~ further including an input module for inputting relative positions of said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion, said correction module correcting said synthesized image by carrying out resynthesis of the images to be joined together based on the input relative positions.

22. (*Original*) A machine readable storage medium according to claim 21, wherein said input module has an image moving function of individually moving said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion on said display means, said input module inputting said relative positions of said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion by moving and Superimposing said images using said image moving function.

23. (*Original*) A machine readable storage medium according to claim 21, wherein said input module has a corresponding position inputting function of inputting respective corresponding positions for said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion, said input module inputting said relative positions of said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion by inputting said corresponding positions for said images using said corresponding position inputting function.

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24. (*Original*) A machine readable storage medium according to claim 21, wherein said input module selects and executes a function from a first relative position inputting function of inputting said relative positions of said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion by individually moving and superimposing said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion on said display means, and a second relative position inputting function of designating relative positions of said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion by designating respective superimposing positions for said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion.

25. (*Canceled*)

26. (*Currently amended*) A machine readable storage medium according to claim 2519, wherein said ~~display~~synthesized image control module controls said display means such that ~~a frame~~at least one of frames enclosing ~~said~~a corresponding joint portion of said synthesized images is displayed on said display means in superposition upon said synthesized image.

27. (*Currently Amended*) A machine readable storage medium according to claim 19, wherein ~~said program comprises~~further including an operation aid module for displaying at least one of a written instruction and an animation explaining an operating method concerning correction of said synthesized image on said display means, when said designated joint portion of said synthesized image is corrected by said correction module.

28. (*New*) An image processing apparatus comprising:

display control means for displaying an image synthesized from a plurality of images on a display and for displaying at least one joint portion of the images on said display in a specifiable manner;

designation means for designating the at least one joint portion of said synthesized image displayed on said display; and

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correction means for correcting the joint portion of the synthesized image designated by
said designation means.
